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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHARACTER STRING SEARCH IN IMAGE

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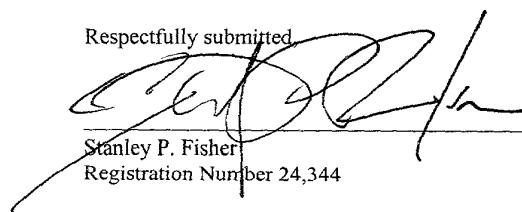
- 14 sheets of formal informal drawings.
- Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese application 2001-082012 to claim priority date of March 22, 2001.
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